ing low tides. Considering the expenditure involved the Government wanted to postpone the work.

Concentration of land in the hands of a few.

18. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—With reference to question No. 216, 17th December 1931, regarding concentration of land in the hands of a few, will the Government be pleased to state whether position in the matter is the same now ;

(b) and if it is not, what answers are due to the different issues raised?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—(a) Yes.

(b) No answer is necessary in view of the answer given above.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Is the concentration of the whole land in the State in the hands of a single gentleman deemed by the Government as something undesirable?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—All the lands in the State are not in the possession of a single individual.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Is it not progressive concentration?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—But the lands are distributed among many, andsome may not own lands.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Is not a progressive concentration going on everywhere? From the statistics don't you find a diminution in the number of ryots every year?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—There is an increase and decrease. Some purchase and some sell.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—What is the general trend?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—It is as before.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—What is the number of ryots three years ago?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—The Government do not know.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Have you not got some document of assessment?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—It is not possible to read out the names just now. It can be supplied later on.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Once it is found that a progressive concentration of land is going on in this country, does the Government consider it a positive danger?

President.—If it is a question for information it will be answered.

Economic Regeneration scheme.

19. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—With reference to question No. 283, 18th December 1931, regarding an Economic Regener-

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ative Scheme, will the Government be pleased to state whether they meant that the country stood in no need for Industrialisation?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—Government meant that they had no intention to carry out a five year plan at present.

Mr. K. M Ibrahim.—May I know whether they have no any year plan?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—No plan.

Mr. K. Ayyappan.—Have they got any plan with reference to any year?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—The question asked was with reference to 5 year plan. The answer was given that there was no such plan.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Does the Government think that this country stands in need of industrialisation.

President.—It is not a question for information.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Do they intend to industrialise our country? I want to know the intention of the Government.

Mr U. Kandar Menon.—I want notice.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Is there any other plan for any other period?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—There is no such plan.

Longevity of life.

20. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—With reference to question No. 457, 25th February 1932, regarding the Economic Determinism of Longevity of Life, will the Government be pleased to state whether they made any enquiry before their 'not known';

and if they did not, whether they can place the information on the table after a due enquiry?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—No.

Government do not think that any enquiry on the point is necessary at present.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—On what grounds, may I know?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—It will not serve any useful purpose.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—May I know the reasons for that statement of the Government? It is a very vital issue.

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—Such an enquiry will not be in a position to make the span of life longer.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—May I know whether the economic factor is a salient factor to determine the longevity of a man?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—That has already been answered.

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